

REMARKS

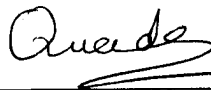
Claims 2, 14-16, and 20-21 are all the claims pending in the application. By this Amendment, Applicants cancel claims 1, 13, and 18-19 without prejudice or disclaimer.

In the Office Action, the Examiner indicates that claims 2, 14-16, and 20-21 contain allowable subject matter and would be allowable if rewritten in independent form. Accordingly, by this Amendment, Applicants rewrite claims 2, 14 and 20-21 in independent form to place the application in immediate condition for allowance (claims 15-16 depend from claim 14).

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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